

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A child ~~[[Child]]~~ restraint removably attachable to two seat belt straps and the male buckle of a shoulder harness of the seat of ~~[[for]]~~ a vehicle, said child restraint comprising:

a ~~[[rectangular]]~~ flexible sheet having a first edge and an opposing second edge;
a pair of attachment rings attached to said first edge; and

~~[[a size adjustment~~

a mating device

a rigidifying strip]]

a seatbelt mating device attached to said second edge;

where each of said pair of attachment rings is spaced along said first edge for attachment to one of the two seat belt straps ~~[[fixedly attached to one edge of said flexible sheet so that said rings align with the center and one of the side female buckles found in most passenger vehicles]]~~; and

~~[[said rectangular flexible sheet having a rigidifying strip on the parallel side opposite the attachment rings which holds the sheet in the optimal position for restraining the child,]]~~

where, when said pair of attachment rings are attached to the two seat belt straps,

said ~~[[rectangular flexible sheet having a]]~~ seatbelt mating device is positionable for ~~[[centrally attached to be capable of mating]]~~ coupling with the male buckle of the ~~[[center]]~~ shoulder harness. ~~[[,~~

said seatbelt mating device capable of rigidity uniting the right and left shoulder harnesses in the center of the back seat in cars without a center back seat should harness]]

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The child [[Child]] restraint of [[for a vehicle as claimed in]] claim 1, wherein said child restraint is attachable [[flexible sheet is attached by said attachment rings]] to existing seatbelt hardware on the edge of the sheet nearest the backrest of the seat.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The child [[Child]] restraint of [[for a vehicle as claimed in]] claim 1, [[wherein there is an adjustment]] further including adjustment hardware to allow the restraint to snugly fit children of differing sizes.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The child [[Child]] restraint of [[for a vehicle as claimed in]] claim 1, wherein said flexible sheet is sized for a child [[can]] to lay in the supine position upon said flexible sheet with [[and]] said seatbelt mating device [[located centrally on the flexible sheet can be brought over said child and]] fastened to the male [[mating]] buckle [[on the center shoulder harness so that said flexible sheet wraps around said supine child thereby restraining]], such that the [[said]] child is prevented from moving forward during a quick stop or an accident.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The child [[Child]] restraint of [[for a vehicle as claimed in]] claim 1, wherein the shoulder harness is a center shoulder harness, a right shoulder harness, or a left shoulder harness. [[a seatbelt mating device brings the right and left shoulder harnesses together against the center of the backrest of the back seat so that said mating device on the flexible sheet can be attached to either the right or left shoulder harness' male mating buckle so that said flexible sheet wraps around said supine child thereby restraining said child from moving forward during a quick stop or an accident]]

Claim 6 (New): The child restraint of claim 1, where the male buckle includes an aperture, and where said seatbelt mating device includes a ring passable through said aperture for coupling said male buckle and said seatbelt mating device.

Claim 7 (New): The child restraint of claim 1, where each of said pair of attachment rings is a carabiner.

Claim 8 (New): The child restraint of claim 1, further comprising rigidifying strip attached to said second edge.

Claim 9 (New): A child restraint attachable to a first seat belt strap, a second seat belt strap, and the aperture of the male buckle of a shoulder harness of a car seat, said child restraint comprising:

- a flexible sheet;

- a first mechanism to attach said flexible sheet and the first seat belt strap;

- a second mechanism to attach said flexible sheet and the second seat belt strap;

- and

- a third mechanism to attach said flexible sheet and the aperture,

where said sheet has a size sufficient to restrain a child between said sheet and the car seat.

Claim 10 (New): The child restraint of claim 9, where said first mechanism includes a ring sized to prevent the seat belt buckle of the first seat belt strap from passing therethrough.

Claim 11 (New): The child restraint of claim 10, where said second mechanism includes a ring sized to prevent the seat belt buckle of the second seat belt strap from passing therethrough.

Claim 12 (New): The child restraint of claim 9, where said third mechanism includes a carabineer passable through said aperture.

Claim 13 (New): The child restraint of claim 9, further comprising a rigidifying strip along said flexible sheet at a position distal to said first mechanism and said second mechanism.

Claim 14 (New): The child restraint of claim 8, wherein the shoulder harness is a center shoulder harness, a right shoulder harness, or a left shoulder harness.